

REVIVE CHURCH— DID NOT OUR HEARTS BURN

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After His resurrection Jesus appeared at least 10 times over 40 days. All these accounts are listed in the Scriptures. Mary Magdeline being the first one who witness the resurrected Christ and the account I am reading today being the second.

Luke 24:13-35 (NKJV) *13 Now behold, two of them were traveling that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was seven miles from Jerusalem. 14 And they talked together of all these things which had happened. 15 So it was, while they conversed and reasoned, that Jesus Himself drew near and went with them. 16 But their eyes were restrained, so that they did not know Him. 17 And He said to them, “What kind of conversation [is] this that you have with one another as you walk and are sad?” 18 Then the one whose name was Cleopas answered and said to Him, “Are You the only stranger in Jerusalem, and have You not known the things which happened there in these days?” 19 And He said to them, “What things?” So they said to Him, “The things concerning Jesus of Nazareth, who was a Prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, 20 “and how the chief priests and our rulers delivered Him to be condemned to death and crucified Him. 21 “But we were hoping that it was He who was going to redeem Israel. Indeed, besides all this, **today is the third day** since these things happened. 22 “Yes, and certain women of our company, who arrived at the tomb early, astonished us. 23 “When they did not find His body, they came saying that they had also seen a vision of angels who said He was alive. 24 “And certain of those [who were] with us went to the tomb and found [it] just as the women had said; but Him they did not see.” 25 Then He said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! 26 “Ought not the Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into His glory?” 27 And **beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself.** 28 Then they drew near to the village where they were going, and He indicated that He would have gone farther. 29 But they constrained Him, saying, “Abide with us, for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent.” And He went in to stay with them. 30 Now it came to pass, as He sat at the table with them, that He took bread, blessed and broke [it,] and gave it to them. 31 Then their eyes were opened, and they knew Him; and He vanished from their sight. 32 And they said to one another, “**Did not our heart burn within us** while He talked with us on the road, and while He opened the Scriptures to us?” 33 So they rose up that very hour and returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven and those [who were] with them gathered together, 34 saying, “The Lord is risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!” 35 And they told about the things [that had happened] on the road, and how He was known to them in the breaking of bread.*

This account laid out by Luke has to be one of my absolute favorites and invites every believer to pursue a burning heart for Jesus.

Jesus wants us to burn for Him, He is the One who baptizes with Holy Spirit and with fire.

He is the one who said in Luke 12:

Luke 12:49-50 ⁴⁹ “I came to send fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! ⁵⁰ But I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how distressed I am till it is accomplished!

Luke 3:16 (NKJV) John answered, saying to all, “I indeed baptize you with water; but One mightier than I is coming, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to loose. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

Jesus entered into the baptism of death, He drank the cup of suffering so that we could have the flame of His love . **That the altar of our heart could host the fiery Presence of God Himself. We are meant to burn .** *There are some practical things we can do to receive His fire as well as continually fan into flame (2Timothy 1:6) the burning that is within.*

- **As the disciples were walking along the road ‘Jesus drew near, but their eyes were restrained from seeing them.** I wonder how often Jesus is near and we simply don’t see Him because we are focused on the wrong thing. In this case they were talking about what happened and how it obviously didn’t look like they supposed it would. **Disappointment is a major hindrance to fellowship with God. It keeps us from seeing what Jesus is doing and what He plans to do. We have to commit to stay focused upon Him and not allow our current situation or the enemy’s lies keep us from knowing the Lord.**
- **The scripture states the men were sad ‘we were hoping’. Past tense. Why did you stop hoping. Hope must be in front of us, not behind us.**

Proverbs 13:12 (NKJV) Hope deferred makes the heart sick, But *when* the desire comes, *it is* a tree of life.

- **deferred in the passage means “to put off” or “drag out,” as in a long, drawn-out process.** **Hope deferred can put out the fire of His burning and your passion to run after Him.**
- **When our expectations are delayed for a long time, we can experience disappointment, disillusionment, and loss of hope.** **In some cases, prolonged waiting for what we eagerly desire can become such an affliction to us that it differs little from a lingering sickness, depression, anxiety.**
- **The enemy will use deferred hope to fuel hopelessness and doubt while God’s purpose is that we would look forward in hope.** **The antidote while you wait for your desire to come is this** **Hebrews 6:19** (NKJV) This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which enters the Presence behind the veil.

- **Presence/fellowship must be our primary motive and is much different than answer driven. If we resolve in our hearts that Jesus is our one desire we will be unshakable, immovable!**
- **The heart that burns for Jesus has purposed in their hearts to be completely satisfied in Him alone. We have to recalibrate so that true north is Jesus Christ.**

Luke 24:27,44,45 27 beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself.

44 Then He said to them, "These [are] the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and [the] Prophets and [the] Psalms concerning Me." 45 And He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures.

Just as Jesus opened up the entirety of Scripture to His disciples, He will open up our understanding as we abide with Him. We have the opportunity to daily, sit at His feet and ask the Spirit of understanding to illuminate the word for the purpose of recognizing and intimately knowing Jesus Christ. Our soul was meant to only walk in full strength when we are fully dependent upon God and feast upon His word continually. Many times we don't encounter Jesus in the word because we are not looking for Jesus everywhere. Jesus is near each time we open the word with a longing heart for Him. James 4:8a (NKJV) Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.

Can you imagine the Author of the Word began opening up the Scriptures that were inspired by Him and these two disciples began receiving revelation of Jesus in Gen, Exodus, Leviticus Numbers, Deuteronomy, and then Jesus begins pointing out He is the One all of the prophets were speaking of the entire time. The traditions, the feasts, the law, the prophets all spoke of Jesus!

- We say "that would have been amazing to have Jesus do that" yet we don't always remember that is what He is willing to do now each time we open the Word of God and ask the Holy Spirit to release wisdom and revelation so that we can see the beauty of Christ everywhere and that He would transform us in the seeing.
- **Jesus told His disciples-** *25 Then He said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken!"* So we ask the question. Lord where am I still slow of heart to believe.

Jesus indicated to the men that He would have gone farther but they constrained Him. The men had to have more. Though they currently did not know who this man was, He was

restoring hope to their thirsty souls. Constrained means they took Jesus by force or persuaded Him. This is incredible because Jesus is in His glorified body and He actually lets them constrain or persuade through their intercession.

- There is this thing about our Savior we must understand. *He loves bold, tenacious faith that will not let go of Him until we get resolve, until we get an answer, until the word of God is fulfilled in our lives. There is something about radical faith that moves God and He allows us to constrain Him with our hunger and longing for more.*
- We often times give up to easily assuming that if God was going to answer He would have by now but He wants us to grab hold of Him/His word with everything that we are. **Persevering, faithful prayer and clinging to the word will keep you burning.**

You know what will transform you and over time renew your mind to think like Jesus? Rebuilding the framework of all of your thoughts by daily looking into the mirror of God's word and having abiding fellowship it's the Holy Spirit. Hold onto truth and the promises of Jesus in the scriptures until they are conceived in you. **Build a daily healthy rhythm alone with Him!**

Luke 24:30-31 Now it came to pass, as He sat at the table with them, that He took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened and they knew Him; and He vanished from their sight.

There eyes were open at the breaking of bread. The broken bread is His broken body. There is something that happens when we set our eyes upon the sacrifice of Jesus. We must look into His wounds and feel the burning love He has for us. Behold His broken body and consume His brokenness that releases healing.

The tabernacle of Moses gave us a foreshadow of Jesus, the Bread of life . **In the tabernacle/temple there was the bread of presence also called the shewbread. It is described in Leviticus 24.**

- **The bread could only be eaten by the priests (Aaron and his sons) and would be replenished each week, allowing the priests to eat fresh bread in the holy place. It was unlawful for someone who wasn't a priest to participate in this bread.**
- I have sensed the Holy Spirit emphasize this Old Covenant truth in a new covenant way. It's still true-only those with an acceptance of the priestly assignment (a life of worship and prayer) are enabled to feast upon the bread of His Presence!
- The Old Testament showbread placed on the table in the tabernacle provides a wonderful picture of Jesus, the [Bread of Life](#). Jesus alone provides true sustenance, and He is always

present. “Jesus declared, ‘I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry’” ([John 6:35](#)).

- Through the Holy Spirit all believes are called to minister to the Lord as priests and have been given the right to participate in this holy meal.
- ³² *And they said to one another, “**Did not our heart burn within us while He talked with us on the road, and while He opened the Scriptures to us?**”* *When Jesus talks our hearts burn. Holy Spirit wants to open our hearts to burn with a fire that will never go out as we sit with Jesus and hear His voice. He wants to release burning hearts for Him so we must position ourselves in the word of God drawing near to the One who longs for us to burn.*

Fan into flame, feed that burning desire with One voice.

Home group questions

1. How do you keep the fire burning on the altar of your heart
2. Is there by current disappointment that is keeping you from recognizing the nearness of Jesus? If so take time to tell the Lord, repent if necessary.
3. What does it look like for us to constrain Jesus, or wrestle with God because we must have more? Discuss Jesus willingness in this process.
4. Are you consuming the bread of His presence daily. Be honest, are you leaving sustaining bread on the table and feasting on other lesser things?
5. Pray for hearts and fan into flame the fire of God.